

Schoenebeck Army Clothing Depot

REPORT NO.

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INSTALLATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT early March to mid-May 1951

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18 July 1951

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 7 March 1951, Major Salmanov, (fnu), the previous chief of the Soviet Army Clothing Depot in Schoenebeck (M 53/D 78), was replaced by Colonel Baranov, (fnu), who officially took over on 23 March. On the evening of the same day, Major Salmanov left for Magdeburg with his personal belongings. Allegedly, he will be transferred to the Black Sea region. Captain Khvaridin, (fnu), who replaced Captain Vladimirov, (fnu), was promoted to the rank of major on 23 March 1951. He is scheduled to remain at the clothing depot for a period of three years. Captain Dukanich, (fnu), who was released on 26 January 1951, will definitely be replaced by Captain Skarokhot, (fnu). Lieutenant Kolshov, (fnu), has been assigned to him. Otherwise there were no personnel changes at the installation, except for occasional replacements among the guard personnel. Captain Kovolov, (fnu), and Paymaster (Lieutenant) Savilyov, (fnu), are expected to return from leave in late May or early June 1951. (1)

2. During the night of 4 March 1951 a shipment of 11 boxcars with uniforms and cloth for uniforms and overcoats in addition to new boots and materials needed in the tailor and shoemaker shops arrived at the depot. The turnover of items of clothing and other equipment has risen considerably since the beginning of the summer period and is now at the same level as during the corresponding period last year. The units turn in their winter clothing in exchange for summer uniforms. New items of clothing are being issued side by side with repaired uniforms. The winter clothing is being checked for its further usability by German workers in Warehouse V. The unsalvageable items are sent to Bernau and those which can be salvaged will be repaired in Schoenebeck after being cleaned. During the week from 23 to 29 April, two shipments, one of 9 boxcars and one of 11 boxcars, with unsalvageable items of clothing were dispatched to Bernau. (2) The shipments were escorted by Captain Skarokhot and Lieutenant Kolshov respectively. Captain Skarokhot had returned by 12 May, but Lieutenant Kolshov was still en route to Schoenebeck with a shipment of new equipment.

3. During the nights between 30 March and 2 April, Warehouse IV was emptied under strict security measures by Soviet personnel that had arrived from other places. (3) The German personnel of the depot were sent on leave from Friday noon, 30 March to Monday noon, 2 April. Twenty-eight tents for 16 men each had been pitched in the depot area. Open and closed trucks, personnel carriers, tank trucks, field kitchens and ambulances were parked in the area in four rows of 40 to 50 vehicles each. The field kitchens were in operation for the loading details. From the appearance of the trucks and the loading personnel, they had come a long way. Details on the type of equipment loaded, and its destinations are not available. After

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being emptied Warehouse IV was taken over by the Special Service Section of the depot. Musical instruments and books were stored on the ground floor, while the upper floors were still empty in mid-May.

4. In early April 1951 the increased volume of work perviously announced by Major Salzmanov was noticeable in the repair shops of the depot. This increase was, allegedly, caused by two tank companies in Calzemen (II 53/D 78) which have recently been supplied by the depot, and by the arrival in the Schwerin area of a new unit of about 400 men. Since the planned enlargement of the shoemakers' shop was not feasible due to a lack of space, a second shoemakers' shop was opened on Leipziger Strasse in Magdeburg. This repair shop is headed by a captain. An order placed in mid-April 1951 for the repair of 4,000 pairs of boots by 14 May 1951 could not be complied with by 30 May due to a shortage of personnel and lack of space. The order had to be placed with other repair installation. Night shifts or extra hours were not worked during the reported period. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) The imminent replacement of the two ranking officers of the depot was reported previously. Colonel Baranov, the new chief of the installation, Captain Kovolov, and Lieutenant Zabilyov are reported for the first time. On 10 February 1951, Khvaridin assumed his duties as deputy chief of the clothing depot. Skarokhot and Kolshov were reported previously. 25X1A

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- 25X1A (2) Bernau is the central clothing depot for the entire Soviet Zone of Germany.

- (3) The storage of equipment in Warehouse IV apparently to be kept secret was reported previously. For last report, 25X1A

- (4) The report refers to the large Soviet clothing depot, which is assigned

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